

WHEREAS; with a variety of events ranging from a National Polka Festival and a youth festival to international auto races and air shows, Summerfest began in July of 1968 as Mayor Henry Maier’s way of celebrating Milwaukee’s shared culture and history and bringing folks from different communities together; and

WHEREAS; Summerfest later solidified its permanent home in downtown Milwaukee along the lake in 1970 and became a festival focused on music and community, creating a venue that would host some of the world’s greatest musicians; and

WHEREAS; for three weekends each summer, Summerfest entertains people of all backgrounds and interests with a diverse line-up of artists and genres, a unique collection of food, and countless festivities, continuing Mayor Maier’s original goals of highlighting all that Milwaukee has to offer and creating an event centered on community; and

WHEREAS; over the past 55 years, Summerfest has evolved into “The World’s Largest Music Festival,” serving as a momentous celebration and significant boost to the local economy each summer and bringing hundreds of thousands of fans to Milwaukee for a world-class live music experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 22 2023 as

SUMMERFEST’S 55TH ANNIVERSARY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 20th day of June 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State